

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate and welcome into the church community, Sean Albert Rosario, who was baptised in our church last week. Please pray for him and his family.

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sun 10 Mar	1st SUNDAY IN LENT	<i>Ps Wk 1</i>
	<i>Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13 (p. 153)</i>	
	Mass - OLSG: 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 6pm. Confessions - OLSG: 12-1pm	
	Mass - OLW: 10am	
Mon 11 Mar	Lent Feria	
	HFC: 7.30am Mass	
	OLSG: (10-12noon church cleaning,) 12.30pm Funeral Mass of Elizabeth Barry RIP	
Tue 12 Mar	Lent Feria	
	HFC: 7.30am Mass, 7-8pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	OLSG: <u>9am Mass</u>	
Wed 13 Mar	Lent Feria	
	OLSG: 12.30pm Mass	
	HFC: 8-9pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thu 14 Mar	Lent Feria	
	OLSG: 12.30pm Mass, 7pm Reception of the body of Nora Murphy RIP	
	HFC: 4.45-5.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Fri 15 Mar	Lent Feria	
	OLSG: 12.30pm Funeral Mass of Nora Murphy RIP, followed by Stations of the Cross, 7pm Stations of the Cross OLW: 10am Stations of the Cross	
Sat 16 Mar	Lent Feria	
	OLSG: 9.30am Mass (followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament); 10-11am Confessions: 10.45am Benediction; (5pm <u>NO Evening Prayer or Adoration due to musicians setting-up:</u>) 5.15-5.45pm Confessions; 6pm Mass	
Sun 17 Mar	2nd SUNDAY IN LENT	<i>Ps Wk 2</i>
	<i>Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36 (p.156)</i>	
	Mass - OLSG: 8am, 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon, 6pm. Confessions - OLSG: 12-1pm	
	Mass - OLW: 10am	
	In OLSG: On weekdays the Litany, Angelus and Rosary are said at 12 noon, before 12.30pm Mass.	

OLSG: Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George, 45 London Road
OLW: Our Lady of Walsingham, Holtwhites Hill
HFC: Holy Family Convent, 52 London Road

OLSG is open daily for private prayer: Monday-Friday 7am-8.30pm; Saturday-Sunday 7am-7pm

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George

with Our Lady of Walsingham & the English Martyrs

A Parish of the Catholic Diocese of Westminster

No. 1462

1st SUNDAY IN LENT

10 Mar 2019

Led by the Spirit into the Desert

Many of you would have been aware that I was away for one week on Pilgrimage to Holy land. All the priests of the Westminster Diocese ordained in the last five years were encouraged to go on Pilgrimage to Jerusalem, the Holy City. Visiting the Holy Sites was overwhelming and has caused a sense of deep reflection in my life. The Pilgrimage to the Holy Land has opened a new horizon to my faith.

On Monday 25th February, our group left Jerusalem, we stopped at Bethany to venerate the original Tomb of Lazarus before continuing to Jericho, after which we visited the 'Baptismal Site' where Jesus is said to have been baptised in the River Jordan. We renewed our Baptismal Promises and then drove through the Judean desert to the Mount of Temptation. Both Jordan and Desert are mentioned in today's Gospel.

After His Baptism and filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days to be tempted by the devil. Lent began on Ash Wednesday, like Jesus, we will be led into our spiritual desert. "By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert" (CCC 540).

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights and so do we, but this still leaves the question: why forty days, why desert, why Lent?

Jesus is the new Moses. The old Moses led the old Israel through the desert for forty years, and the new Moses (Christ) must lead the New Israel (you and I) through the desert of Lenten season for forty days. In Deuteronomy 9:9-11, the old Moses fasted for forty days and forty nights before he received the Ten Commandment (the Law), like Moses, Christ also fasted for forty days and nights. Shortly after his forty days fast (Matthew 5) the New Law on the Sermon on the Mount was preached.

The old Moses and old Israel were tempted and faltered in the desert, but the new Moses was victorious. Unlike Moses who fell repeatedly in the desert, Christ refused to succumb to the devil. Let us unite ourselves with the mystery of Christ's trial in the desert. These forty days of Lent are like our journeys through the desert in this life. Let us remain faithful, by following the new Moses, Jesus Christ. Let us pray, fast, repent from our sins by celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation and give alms.

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PARISH NOTICES

Please pray for those who have died: Gwen Savigar, Patrick Brennan, Richard De Souza, Lira Mendes, Vivian Thomas Uku, Norman Webster, Thomas Maben, Norah Murphy, Romeo Pedro, Ella Walsh, Elizabeth Barry Sonia D’Cruz, John Kapi, Thomas Maben, Mary Coutinho, Mary
and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Anne Peacock, Maureen Waldron, Mary Coutinho and Teresa Montella.

Please pray for sick and housebound parishioners: Ros Keenaghan, Liz McKenzie, Daisy Theodore, Henk Windau, Logan Valera-Ramos, Peter Zelzinger, Richard Wallington, Henry Stewart, Susi Beer, Betty Jolley, John Wallington, Sheila Lewin, Soulla Kilikita, John Ernest, Patricia Gregory, Nnanna Okoli, Stephen and Joan Hoye.

6pm Sat. Vigil Mass & 9am Sun. Mass. Due to the refurbishment of the chapel in the Holy Family Convent (opposite the church), the members of the Polish Parish, and Fr Krzysztof Chaim, their Parish Priest, will join us at 6pm Sat. (vigil) Mass & at 9am Sun. Mass. During that period the Gospel at the two Masses will be read in both languages. Please make them feel welcome.

Thank You to everyone who brought items for the Enfield Foodbank Collection last weekend. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated.

Please collect your Planned Giving Envelopes TODAY. The new envelope year starts on Sunday 7th April and the boxes of envelopes are ready to collect from the back of the church. Due to Data Protection Regulations, there are volunteer parishioners handing out the boxes to you personally to ensure your data is protected. We appreciate your patience and cooperation. Thank you.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday 15th March. CAFOD’s Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. Like Mahinur from Bangladesh. She makes a living from fishing but a drought last year killed all the fish, and she’s struggling to support her disabled husband & son. On Friday 15th March, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give

what you save to help people like Mahinur? Through CAFOD’s global Church network your support can reach to the ends of the earth. **Please collect your Fast Day envelope from the church this week and give as generously as you can.**

Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent. In OLSG after 12.30pm Mass and 7pm. **OLW** 10am except on Good Friday, Stations of the Cross will be at 7.30pm.

Confessions in Lent. As well as the regular Confession times on Saturdays 10-11am and 5.15-5.45pm, Confessions will also be heard during 12 noon Mass on Sundays in Lent.

Change to Mass Time. Tuesday 12th March Mass at 7.30am in the Convent and 9am in OLSG (not 12.30pm) due to deanery meeting.

Praying the Rosary by the Fountain. As every 13th day of the month, on Wednesday 13th March at 7pm, all are invited to join one of the clergy at the fountain (near HSBC Bank & Nandos) to pray the rosary publicly for our families, our parish and the whole world.

RCIA: Rite of Election. Today members from the Parish RCIA Group will go to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election. After months of preparation, they will begin the period of purification and enlightenment this Lent. Cardinal Vincent will preside over the service and declare hundreds of people from RCIA groups all over the Diocese elect and ready to receive Baptism and the other sacraments of

initiation. They will be received into full communion of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass. Please pray for them, their sponsors, and their catechists.

Mary’s Meals wants your unwanted clothing & bedding (no duvets or pillows) and will be here on Sunday 24th March. Please put your clothing/bedding into tied sacks and bring them to the Parish Centre for Mary’s Meals to **collect after the 12noon Mass. Please do not bring items on Sunday evening (6pm Mass)** as there will be no one to collect them after 1pm. Amazingly 4 full black sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child a good nutritious meal every school day for a year! Mary’s Meals is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty & hunger prevent children from gaining an education.

Cardinal’s Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 8th June at 3pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2019. If you are celebrating an anniversary and would like to attend, please email enfield@rcdow.org.uk or Tel. 020 8363 2569 with the followings: husband and wife’s names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or tel. no. if no email).

Marriage Preparation Course, for engaged couples preparing to marry in the Catholic Church. The next course will be on Fri. 14th 7-9pm & Sat. 15th June 10-7pm. To book, please email the parish secretary for a registration form: enfield@rcdow.org.uk

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) Meeting in the presbytery at 7pm on Mon. 11th March.

Justice & Peace Group Meeting on Monday 11th March at 8pm at 35 Whitethorn Gardens, EN2 6HF. Anyone interested is welcome.

Tuesday Bereavement Group will meet on 12th March in the presbytery 1-2.30pm. All welcome.

Feast of St Patrick. On Saturday 16th March 6pm Vigil Mass at OLSG will mark the feast of St Patrick with music played by Feith an Cheoil, School of traditional Irish Music. Afterwards there will be an evening of celebration hosted by Feith an Cheoil in the Parish Centre, 7pm-11pm. On Sunday 17th March Feith an Cheoil’s Celtic Youth Orchestra will be performing on the main stage at Trafalgar Square on St Patrick’s Day at 2pm. It is a major achievement for the young musicians and would be lovely to have some support from the Parish. All welcome.

Third World In Need (TWIN) - AGM on Wed. 20th March at 2.30pm in the Presbytery. We welcome any parishioners interested.

Saint Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our recent Quiz Night which raised £1,830.

CATECHETICS

First Communion and Confirmation Programmes, beginning in September 2019: Forms are available from the presbytery and our website from now until 31st March. Closing date is Monday 1st April 2019.

OTHER NEWS

St Oscar Romero Celebrations. Sat 16th March, 11am Ecumenical Service at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Sq. Sat. 23rd March 12.30pm Feast day Eve Mass at St. George’s Cathedral, Southwark. This will include the formal dedication of the Cathedral’s Romero Chapel as a Diocesan Shrine. All welcome.

Vacancy at St George’s School. The Governors of the school are seeking to appoint an Assistant Site Manager. Closing date for applications is midday, Mon. 11th Mar, 2019. Interviews on Mon. 18th Mar, 2019. Start date April 2019. For details and application form: <http://www.st-georges.enfield.sch.uk> For more info. contact Julie Jones-Owen sbm@st-georges.enfield.sch.uk